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authorities. It is believed no English or American case, of any special importance, which had been published up to the time the book had passed the press, is omitted. The writer of this notice has searched for some recent authorities which would have been likely to escape the attention of even a pretty diligent student, but in every instance the learned Chief Justice had seen, and has cited, the case, in its appropriate place. The diligence and the learning are equally remarkable and praiseworthy. The subject was new, and in much confusion, embarrassed with elaborate and conflicting judicial determinations, taxing the methodical and logical mind of the author to its utmost, yet one cannot read without admiring the facility and just discrimination with which much of the complex subject matter of this volume is presented. Perhaps too much is attempted for the limits of the work, but the manner of the execution at all times commands respect and attention. The patient habits of thought engendered by a life of legal study and constant judicial judgment, are apparent; one need not to have been told by the title-page that the author was "Chief Justice of Vermont;" exact language, close logic, succinct statement, and cautious suggestion, fully announce the judicial mind.

To sum up our conclusion, after a somewhat more than usual consideration of the book, we find it to have performed the promise of the preface, and that the learned labors of a distinguished and able jurist have shed great light upon a difficult and complicated branch of legal learning.

REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY AND ON APPEAL IN THE COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. JOHN P. STOCKTON, Reporter. Volume II. Trenton: Printed by Phillips & Boswell, No. 4 Chancery court, 1858, pp. 626.

This volume contains the opinions of Chancellor Williamson, from February Term, 1854, to October Term, 1855, and the cases in the Court of Appeals from November Term, 1855, to June Term, 1856. The Chancery cases in New Jersey have been gradually becoming more and more important and interesting. The very ample equity jurisdiction permitted in that State, has enabled the bar to present for adjudication a class of cases which has called for the exercise of the ablest equity judgments.

The ability of the present Chancellor of New Jersey is worthily presented by Mr. Stockton in these reports. It is quite evident that the

reporter has fully mastered the cases, by careful study and examination, before he has attempted to send them to the printer, and the satisfactory result has been a volume of intelligible and generally important cases, carefully prepared, with excellent head notes, brief statements of the argument, and the Chancellor's clear and admirable opinion. Few chancery reports which it is our duty to read, taken as a whole, cause us so little complaint; little that is superfluous is inserted, and little that is requisite, is omitted. Then, too, we have an Index which really gives us some insight into and knowledge of the contents themselves.

Some important matters will be found in this volume, and the reader may consult with interest and profit the cases under the head of Constitutional Law, Corporations, Debtor and Creditor, Fraud, Injunction, Judgment and Execution, Trust, and Will. We can, and do with pleasure, commend this volume of Reports, as one of undoubted excellence, and well worth consultation and study.

**REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.** With Notes, References, and an Index.
By E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Counsellor at Law. Volume III. New York: Lewis & Blood, Law Booksellers and Publishers, No. 84 Nassau street. 1858, pp. 804.

We announce with pleasure a third volume of Mr. Smith's Reports. The well recognized ability and professional standing of the reporter would alone guarantee us a volume of good reports, had not the two preceding volumes already established his editorial reputation. The extended and almost unlimited jurisdiction of the New York Common Pleas, and the widely recognized ability of the judges who now sit upon the bench, to which, perhaps, we ought to add the handsome manner in which the reporter has heretofore presented their judicial determinations to his brethren of the bar, has called attention to the adjudications of that court, and caused its judgments to be frequently cited, as well out of as in the State of New York. We have marked several of the cases for our pages, as soon as space will permit us to publish them. We feel bound to say, that Mr. Smith's Index is a model; it is exact and comprehensive, which is all that can be asked, in that most useful part of a book.